

Please see **3 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP and MEAP-ACCESS) Test Coordinator Briefing for Fall 2013, 2) Fall 2013 MI-Access Assessment Video Cast, and 3) WIDA Updates.

1) Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP and MEAP-ACCESS) Test Coordinator Briefing for Fall 2013

The Michigan Department of Education Division of Accountability Services in collaboration with Wayne RESA and MIstreamnet invite you to be part of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP and MEAP-ACCESS) Test Coordinator Briefing for Fall 2013 Grades 3-9. This is a live videoconference and webcast for District and Building Assessment Coordinators and School Administrators. It will take place on **Monday, September 9, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. until noon** in Room 203 at Wayne RESA. To register for the Wayne RESA location, please contact Brenda Hose: hoseb@resa.net.

Major topics include:

- What's New for Fall 2013
- Fall 2013 MEAP Administration
- Fall 2013 MEAP-Access Administration
- New BAA Secure Site

To watch the live webcast on the net go to <http://www.mistreamnet.org>.

- During the event, click on the "Live Stream" link. You may FAX questions during the videoconference to 734-334-1857 or email questions during the videoconference to answers@resa.net.
- After the event, click on "Video on Demand" to view the archive (posted within 24 hours).

This event will also be available at select ISD locations during the live webcast:

- Bay-Arenac ISD
- Genesee ISD
- Kent ISD
- Lenawee ISD
- Saginaw ISD

Contact a participating ISD for the specific location. Additional ISDs may be added; check www.michigan.gov/meap for updates.

DVD copies will be available for purchase. The cost is \$10 plus \$4 for shipping and handling.

To see the *Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP and MEAP-ACCESS) Test Coordinator Briefing for Fall 2013* invitation flyer, please go to "What's New" at www.michigan.gov/meap.

2) Fall 2013 MI-Access Assessment Video Cast

Please join us on **Monday, September 9, 2013** for the Fall 2013 MI-Access Assessment video cast. This event will provide District and School MI-Access Test Coordinators with the information needed to ensure a successful administration of the Fall 2013 assessment. Please be sure to put this important event on your calendar.

- The MI- Access video cast will air from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** and will also be available through www.mistreamnet.org for future viewing. The video cast flyer, which includes information on how to view this event, has been posted to the MI-Access webpage and can be accessed directly through this link: www.michigan.gov/mi-access.

If you have not accessed a video or webcast through www.mistreamnet.org in the past, please visit the site prior to Monday, September 9, 2013 to make sure your computer has the required connection and software to view the webcast.

3) WIDA Updates

WIDA Call Center vs. BAA Hotline

WIDA offers the services of a call center to aid districts in answering questions about standards and assessments. However, many questions will still need to be answered by staff in the Office of Standards & Assessment (OSA) and the Office of Field Services (OFS) at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Below is a quick guide to help direct your questions appropriately so that you can get answers efficiently. When in doubt, please make OSA your first choice when calling about assessment related questions.

Office of Standards & Assessment

1-877-560-8378, Option 7

Questions pertaining to the following:

- W-APT/ACCESS for ELLs testing window
- Guidance for participation criteria on the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs
- BAA Secure Site information
- BAA processes such as Pre-ID, Tested Roster, etc.
- Login information (usernames/passwords) for access to the secure WIDA materials
- Waivers
- WIDA assessment professional development activities sponsored by OSA

Office of Field Services

517-373-6066

Questions pertaining to the following:

- Entrance & Exit Protocol

- Title III funding
- Title III compliance and monitoring
- WIDA standards professional development activities sponsored by OFS

WIDA Call Center

1-877-560-8378, Option 5

OR

1-866-276-7735

- Questions pertaining to general WIDA information about standards and assessments

WIDA Professional Development (PD) Calendar Updates

A revised 2013-2014 WIDA PD calendar has been posted

here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/WIDAProfessionalDevelopmentCalendar13-14-jp_432179_7.pdf. This revised calendar contains a newly-added WebEx training entitled "New Principal's EL Assessment Crash Course." This WebEx is geared towards new principals or any principals needing to brush up on their understanding of identification and assessment of ELs, the basics of Michigan's transition to WIDA and the WIDA assessments, and how to structure internal processes and procedures to make assessment-related activities efficient.

W-APT FAQ Document Coming Soon

A comprehensive list of W-APT FAQs will be available early next week under the "What's New?" section at: www.michigan.gov/elpa.

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window Update

The testing window for the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs will be as follows:

Monday, February 10th, 2014 – First day of testing

Friday, March 28th, 2014 – Last day of testing

As a reminder, the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs is replacing the Spring ELPA as the summative EL assessment given annually to monitor student's progress in acquiring academic English.

Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.